

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective headguard to be worn on a human head having a forehead, comprising a protective pad and a retention element cooperatively attached to the protective pad wherein the retention element embodies at least two separate and distinct tensioned and diametrically intersecting circumferential lines of retention that both extend laterally across the forehead when worn on the head.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein at least a segment of each circumferential line of retention is elastic.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 2 wherein at least a segment of each circumferential line of retention is an elastic strap.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 3 wherein the headguard further includes a length adjustment means cooperatively attached to each strap for permitting an adjustment of the length of each strap.
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the lines of retention intersect at intersection points and the intersection points are positioned proximate each temple of a wearer when the protective headguard is worn on the head.
6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the headguard is configured and arranged so that one circumferential line of retention runs above an occipital bone of a wearer and another circumferential line of retention runs below the occipital bone of a wearer.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the angle at which the circumferential lines of retention intersect when the headguard is worn is adjustable.
8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 1 wherein the lines of retention intersect at intersection points and the intersection points may be circumferentially shifted.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective headguard to be worn on a human head having a forehead, comprising a protective pad covering at least a portion of the forehead and a pair of separate and distinct, tensioned and diametrically intersecting retention elements attached to the protective pad that both extend laterally across the forehead when the headguard is worn on the head.
10. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 9 wherein at least a segment of each retention element is elastic.
11. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 9 wherein the retention elements are elastic.
12. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 9 wherein the retention elements have a length and include a length adjustment means cooperatively attached to each retention element for permitting an adjustment in the tension of each retention element when the protective headguard is worn on the head.
13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 9 wherein the protective pad and retention element are configured and arranged such that the diametric points of intersection of the retention elements are positioned proximate each temple of a wearer when the protective headguard is worn on the head.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A protective headguard to be worn on a human head, comprising:
- (a) a rear protective piece including a plurality of pads capable of shifting relative to one another,
  - (b) a front protective piece,
  - (c) and a retention element interconnecting the front protective piece and the rear protective piece.
15. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 14 wherein the retention element is elastic.
16. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 15 wherein the retention element defines a strap.
17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The protective headguard of claim 14 wherein the retention element includes at least one strap and a length adjustment means cooperatively attached to the strap for permitting an adjustment of the length of the strap.
18. (ORIGINAL) The protective headguard of claim 14 wherein the front protective piece includes a plurality of pads capable of shifting relative to one another.
19. (CANCELED)
20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective headguard to be worn on a human head, comprising a front piece and a rear piece wherein the front piece and the rear piece are constructed with padding to protect a wearer against physical injury from a blow to the head and pivotally attached to one another at diametrically opposed pivot points whereby the front piece and the rear piece may be independently pivoted about the pivot points.